

Jack Howard Elected President

U.S. Latin Policy Hit By Briggs at IAPA

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SAN DIEGO, Calif., Oct. 14 (AP)—Jack Howard of Scripps Howard Newspapers was elected today as president of the Inter American Press Association.

Howard succeeds Pedro Beltran of "La Prensa," Lima.

In yesterday's meeting, Ellis O. Briggs, former ambassador to Brazil and other countries, strongly criticized past policies of the Alliance for Progress.

The original Alliance for Progress was a North American blueprint for upheaval and social revolution in Latin America, he said.

Progress can be made when Latin American officials recognize that the present objective of the Alliance is Inter-American collaboration toward economic and social evolution, he added.

Briggs called the Alliance for Progress "a Pandora's box, with welfare state handles," ripped the U.S. handling of the Dominican crisis, and said "stooges from the White House" were interfering in the work of resident diplomats.

For Latin American political leaders—"whose first duty is to survive politically"—Briggs charged, the Alliance for Progress "threatened to create as many problems as it promised to solve.

"And if there is a more pernicious doctrine that compels the sponsor of an economic and social program to throw lighted gasoline into his neighbor's woodshed, it has yet to come to the attention of history," he said.

Attacking the U.S. handling of the Dominican intervention, Briggs said "what happened in Santo Domingo was nothing less than shameful, if not crazy.

"The dispatch of forces to Santo Domingo was a constructive operation in terms of the welfare of the hemisphere. Preventing those forces after arrival from accomplishing a far more important task than rescuing foreign nations—namely the re-establishment of public order throughout the country—was unwise in the extreme," Briggs said.

Called 'Lunatic'

The decision to intervene "was not implemented by disarming the trouble makers and re-establishing order," he said.

"As I look back, nearly six months, it was lunatic."

Briggs said Washington, time and time again, had damaged the prestige of its ambassadors by displaying "a frivolousness that defies description," and had undermined that prestige by sending in other people.

"Imagine the position of the ambassador in Santo Domingo when his predecessor was sent there as a special representative of the President of the United States," Briggs said.

Meanwhile, it was reported Latin American newspapers are printing somewhat more news about Latin America than they did four years ago. The report was made by Augustin Edwards, of El Mercurio, Santiago. The percentage still is low.

Edwards told the Inter American Press Association that his statement was based on a survey of 19 newspapers made by the Associated Press.

Survey Of Papers

The survey showed that the papers used 76.7 per cent local and national news, 7.7 per cent North American, 6.4 per cent European, 5.4 Latin American, and 3.8 per cent from other foreign areas.

The study covered papers in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela. Puerto Rico also was studied but not included in the compilation since usage varied significantly from other areas. However, Puerto Rican papers printed seven per cent Latin American news, more than most South and Central American papers.